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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC, RO
SUBJECT: EXHORBITANT HOSPITAL BILL FOR US CITIZEN

1. EMBASSY CONSIDERING INFORMAL INTERVENTION AT ROMANIAN
MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN CASE EXCESSIVE CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST
SPOUSE OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN FOLLOWING EMERGENCY HOSPITAL-
IZATION.

2. PATIENT WAS ALLEGEDLY NEAR DEATH FROM CONSEQUENCES OF
RUPTURED APPENDIX. SHE WAS OPERATED ON, AND SUBSEQUENTLY
TREATED FIFTEEN DAYS IN INTENSIVE CARE FOR PERITONITIS, KIDNEY
FAILURE, AND OTHER INTERNAL COMPLICATIONS. THE ORIGINAL BILL
OF \$10,000, UNITEMIZED AND OBVIOUSLY ARBITRARY, WAS PROTESTED
AND LATER REDUCED TO \$7,259.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S BEST ESTIMATE ASAP
OF WHAT SIMILAR TREATMENT WOULD COST IN AN AMERICAN HOSPITAL.
WE RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTY CAUSED BY LACK OF DETAILS BUT HAVE
NO RECOURSE AT THIS STAGE.
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